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NEW ENGLAND DEACONESS HOSPITAL

EX-LAHEY DIRECTOR DR. RICHARD CATTELL, MOURNED AT HOSPITAL

DR. RICHARD B. CATTELL

The entire staff regrets the passing of Dr. Richard B. Cattell who was former director of the Lahey Clinic as well as a widely known surgeon.

Dr. Cattell made his mark on Boston medicine early in life. In 1927 at the age of 27, two years after graduation from Harvard Medical School, he joined the late Dr. Frank H. Lahey soon after the latter had begun to develop the famed clinic.

When Dr. Lahey died in 1953, Dr. Cattell was chosen his successor. He held the position for nine years until ill health forced him to retire in 1961.

It was the surgery that Dr. Cattell performed on Anthony Eden 12 years ago that made his name known throughout the world. But he was internationally known in medical circles long before that, especially for his work in surgery of the thyroid. In 1954 he was elected president of the American Goiter Society) and in 1958 he received the Meritorious Service Award of the society.

A graduate of Harvard Medical School, he received his early education in Ohio and was graduated from Mount Union College in Alliance. With the exception of two years internship at St. Luke's Hospital in New York, Dr. Cattell spent his entire medical life here in Boston.

During World War I he served as a private in the Army Medical Corps.

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SEVERAL COMMITTEES ARE APPOINTED AT DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE MEETING

A major step forward toward the closer coordination of members of all departments and disciplines took place with the first meeting, on Saturday, October 10, of the newly established Department of Medicine. In order to achieve a degree of informality and cohesiveness, the meeting was held as a breakfact session in the dining room of the Medical Office Building. Ninety members of the department were present including staff internists, residents, and fellows.

The unexpectedly large number who attended the meeting strained the dining facilities so much it may prove necessary to hold future meetings in one of the auditoriums.

The primary purpose of these meetings, stated Dr. James Tullis, Chairman, is to improve communications not only between doctors, but also with the administration. He further emphasized that this would be a forum for each hospital department to know and understand what is being done by the internists in the hospital, what the long range objectives are, and to keep everyone informed with regard to new developments.

In trying for informality, the goal is to achieve a closer unity between divergent groups. In the first meeting definite steps were taken toward this goal. Several committees were appointed including a Nominating Committee and a Policy Committee, consisting of people from different groups. Many new faces and some not seen for some time were noted as members attended from various clinics associated with the Deaconess complex.

Several reports, for informational purposes only, were read from the Committee on Drugs and Intravenous Therapy and the Committee on Clinical Investigation.

After a short, information filled fifty minutes, the meeting was adjourned. Committees appointed will report back at the next meeting, scheduled for the second Saturday of November at 8 a.m.

FRIENDS RE-ELECT MRS. J. T. MOUNTZ

At the 31st Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Deaconess Hospital held on October 20 in the Joslin Auditorium, Mrs. James T. Mountz of Weston was re-elected to the presidency.

Also elected to office were Mrs. George Rohrbough of Cambridge, first vice-president; Mrs. Richard Paige of Chestnut Hill, second vice-president; Mrs. John B. McKittrick of West Newton, recording secretary; Mrs. William B. Snow of Brookline, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Shields Warren of West Newton, treasurer; and Mrs. Charles Hosley of Newton Centre, assistant treasurer.

"Spain and Portugal" was the subject of the illustrated talk given by Mrs. Richard H. Overholt, the guest speaker, of Dedham. Mrs. Overholt accompanied her husband, the founder of the Overholt Thoracic Clinic, when he was invited to lecture in these countries during May and June of this year.

Mrs. Mountz announced the names to be put on the "1,000 Hour Plus" scoreboard. The following people have given over 1,000 hours of volunteer service: Mr. James Baker, Mrs. Louise Francis, Mrs. M. H. C. Gersumkey, Mrs. G. Arthur Horn, Mrs. Charles Hosley, Mrs. Lewis M. Hurxthal, Mrs. Joseph H. Marks, Mrs. John B. McKittrick, Mrs. John H. Nichols, Jr., Miss Mildred Ordway, Mrs. Theodore C. Pratt, and Mrs. Casper Ranger.

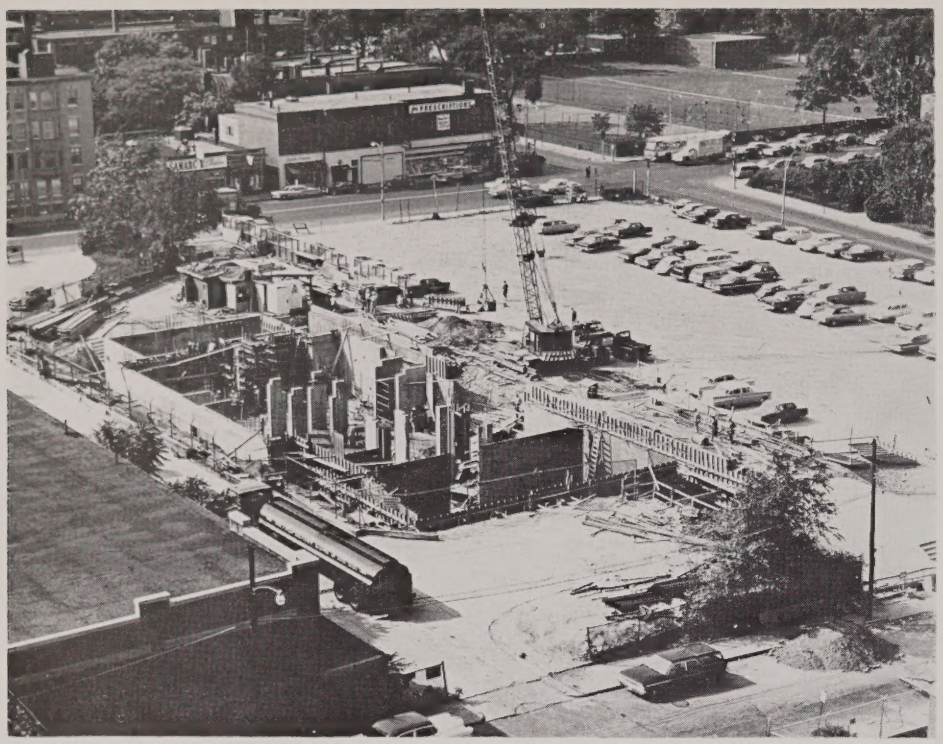
The Friends also reported that over three hundred men and women including one hundred and ten teen-agers gave 22,479 hours of work.

Following the lecture, tea was served in Harris Hall. Among the many who helped with the serving were Mrs. Richard Paige, Mrs. Sheldon E. Wardwell, Mrs. F. Gorham Brigham, and Mrs. Marcy Eager.

MAGAZINES NEEDED!

Don't discard your magazines when you are through with them. Please bring them to the Friends of the Deaconess office.

A volunteer will then distribute this reading material in the lobbies and rest areas of the hospital.



PROGRESS REPORT on the Shields Warren Radiation Research Building under construction at the present time finds the men working on the third floor of the four-story structure. The outside construction will be completed by the first of February, and the entire building will be completed in June of 1965.

EMPLOYEES ASSIST IN UNITED FUND DRIVE

On Thursday, October 22, the New England Deaconess Hospital was represented at the Third Report Luncheon of the United Fund by employees, who have been assisting in the Fund Drive.

The following employees were present: Marion Burke, Medical Record Department; Russell Cooke, Maintenance; Barbara DeSimone, CRI; Arthur Doherty, Laundry; Ann Gallagher, CRI; Estell Greenlaw, Housekeeping Department; Florence McCarthy, Nursing Department; Lois Preston, Nursing Department; and John Valleli, Business Office.

At this point in the Campaign the Hospital is approximately at 30 per cent of its goal, after a late start and with several departments yet to be heard from. This year we are trying to encourage more Fair Share Givers (one hour's pay per month), recognizing that the Hospital is one of the 199 agencies to receive its Fair Share from the Fund.

With the enthusiastic help of the volunteer workers in the various departments, we anticipate that our Hospital will reach its goal of $9,000 by the end of the Campaign.

GREATER CHOICE OF FOOD

Miss DeFlora, the Chief Dietitian, has initiated a change in the dietary department — a 7-page menu rather than the former 1-page menu.

A greater variety and selection of food for patients and employees has been the result.

HOSPITAL MOURNS TWO TRUSTEES

Eben H. Ellison

On September 28, 1964, Eben H. Ellison died in his Boston office. He was president and director of the Proctor Ellison Co., and the Elmwood Investment Co., both of Boston, the Damascus Tanning Co., the Elkland Leather Co., and the Elkland Electric Co., all of Pennsylvania.

Also vice-president of the Eberle Tanning Co. of Westfield, Mr. Ellison was a director of Blue Cross-Blue Shield and the Ellison Foundation.

He attended Newton Schools, graduated from Harvard College in 1917, and served as a lieutenant in the Navy during the First World War.

His memberships included the Harvard Clubs of Boston and New York; the Chemists Club of New York; Brookline Country Club; University Club and Union Club, Boston; Everglades, Palm Beach, Gulf Stream, and Delray Beach Clubs; and the American Legion.

He leaves his wife Jane (Kilmer); a brother, William P. of Duxbury; and a sister, Mrs. Ellery Rogers of Brookline.

Laurence H. Johnson

A resident of Brookline, Laurence H. H. Johnson, Jr., 60, vice-president of the insurance firm of Patterson, Wylde, and Windeler, died on July 11, 1964.

A 1929 graduate of Harvard, he was a former president of the Tennis and Racquet Club and also a trustee of the New England Peabody Home for Children and Walnut Hill Cemetery. He had membership in a number of north and south shore clubs and the Scottish Rites of Masons.

Surviving are his wife Marie (Brewster); two daughters, Mrs. David B. Woodworth of Andover and Mrs. John S. Whiting of Wellesley; a sister, Mrs. Philip G. Johnson of Milton; and a brother, Frederick, of Cohasset.

NEW ENGLAND DEACONESS HOSPITAL BOWLING LEAGUE

STANDINGS — OCTOBER 15, 1964

DIVISION A

Team No.	Pinfall Including Handicap	Pts.
4 — Marotta	7512	25
1 — Fisher	7630	24
3 — Colleran	7500	24
5 — Meek	6056	23
2 — Hennessey	7567	22

High Singles for Year

R. Hart	120
E. Clapp	118

High Three-String for Year

R. Hart	331
M. Hennessey	289

High Average for Year

R. D. Lowry	105
S. Meek	93

DIVISION B

Team No.	Pinfall Including Handicap	Pts.
9 — Weeden	7526	24
7 — Lee	7552	21
8 — Fippin	7472	14
6 — Ryan	7381	14
10 — Shapiro	7177	4

High Singles for Year

B. Galvin	118
D. Farrell	113

High Three-String for Year

R. Marci	292
J. Fritsch	304

High Average for Year

R. Marci	97
D. Farrell	94

DIVISION C

Team No.	Pinfall Including Handicap	Pts.
15 — Emery	7557	32
11 — Steele	7630	26
12 — Schraub	7677	23
16 — Kimber	7676	20
13 — Winslow	7538	20
14 — MacLean	7178	4

High Singles for Year

C. Schraub	135
J. Kimber	118

High Three-String for Year

C. Schraub	349
M. McHugh	299

High Average for Year

R. MacKay	113
M. McHugh	95

Dr. Cattell

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Dr. Cattell held honorary degrees from his own college and from Boston University. Among the other honors that came to him were the Diplomate of the American Board of Surgery, member of the American College of Surgeons, honorary member of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and the French Academy of Surgery.

In addition to the New England Deaconess Hospital, Dr. Cattell was on the staff of New England Baptist, the Robert Breck Brigham, the Brooks and the Hahnemann Hospitals.

He was a member of Duxbury Yacht Club, Brae Burn and the Harvard Club.

IN MEMORIAM

The Hospital learned with sadness of the death on September 10, of Alice L. Thorpe, 85, of the Rivercrest Deaconess Home.

A native of Kentville, Nova Scotia, Miss Thorpe was born on September 1, 1879. She began her studies on June 26, 1902 at the New England Deaconess School of Nursing, and at the time of her death she was the oldest living graduate. She has resided in Concord for the past eight years.

Miss Thorpe is survived by a niece, Mrs. Richard Caton of Quincy.

Services were held on September 12 from the MacRae-Tunnicliffe Funeral Home, the Reverend William H. Duvall of the Deaconess Home officiating. Burial took place in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Dorchester.

Nursing School Alumnae Meet

Mrs. Carol Lowry, president of the Alumnae Association of the Deaconess School of Nursing, presided at their October 15th meeting at Harris Hall.

Speaker for the occasion was Miss Dorothea M. Brandt, a 1953 Deaconess graduate, who gave an interesting talk on going "Around the World on 83c a Day".

This was a five year adventure of many non-conventional modes of travel, accommodations, harrowing experiences, and various forms of employment from nursing, digging potatoes, working on a barge crew to being a movie extra.

Most of the time Miss Brandt and her friend slept in a tent and washed their clothes in rivers and streams. Their various jobs enabled them to earn enough money for food and travel expenses to the next country of destination.

At the end of the trip the two women made an estimate of how much it had cost to make the trip to the 44 countries, and the average was 83c per day!

DR. MEISSNER VISITS ALASKA

Alaska — land of the Eskimos, glaciers, and tundras — was the destination of a journey taken by Dr. William A. Meissner, Pathologist-in-Chief, this past August for a week's stay.

Dr. Meissner was among the nine members of the Advisory Committee on Hospitals and Clinics to the Surgeon-General of the Public Health Service. These people from all over the country are civilians, not members of the Public Health Service, and represent different medical specialties, nursing, and hospital administration. They meet once or twice a year to study a problem of the Public Health Service and to give their opinion as to what could be done to improve the particular problem.

This year the problem presented to the Committee was to study the health conditions of the Alaskan natives. What better place to study the situation than to visit the immediate area! Thus, the Committee met in Anchorage which is the largest city of Alaska and which has the largest Public Health Hospital (about the size of the Deaconess).

As a point of interest Dr. Meissner stated that the Alaskan natives included 50,000 people who are scattered over an area that is twice the size of Texas. Their problems are quite different from those of most people covered by the Public Health Service due to the isolated villages.

Dr. Meissner described one village with a populus of 200 that he visited as exemplifying the health problems of isolation. The village is located on an island in the Bering Sea 150 miles from the nearest hospital — a 40-bed Public Health Hospital in Bethel. Patients must be flown to this hospital for care, but complications result because planes cannot be flown at all times due to weather conditions.

To compensate for this situation, a radio in the school is used to report symptoms of the sick people in the village to the doctor at the hospital. The doctor will then prescribe treatment accordingly. A drug supply located in the village can be used at the doctor's discretion.

Because the people cannot be treated immediately, infections, especially of the respiratory tract, and accidents present a serious problem. The major problem of tuberculosis has been brought under control by the Public Health Service.

The people themselves, Dr. Meissner commented, were very interesting. The natives are of a varied lot — Eskimos, Indians, and Aleuts. Strange as it may seem to us, they refer to the rest of the United States as the "Lower 49".

VALLAS NAMED NEW PURCHASING ASSISTANT

Mr. Alex J. Vallas, former Administrative Assistant at the Massachusetts General Hospital, has been appointed as Assistant Purchasing Agent of the Deaconess Hospital.

Mr. Vallas was born in Norfolk, Virginia, and studied Business Administration at the Norfolk Division of the College of William and Mary, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, following completion of his Army service.

He then served at the Navy Regional Accounts Office in Norfolk, Virginia.

Traveling abroad, Mr. Vallas worked in the American Embassies in Vienna, Moscow, and Rome, where he became the Communications Supervisor of the Classified and Unclassified Communications Center. Later, he served as Control Officer arranging the visits of cabinet members, Senators, and Congressmen on official visits to Rome.

In 1960 he was transferred to the American Embassy in Reykjavik, Iceland to assist the Administrative officer in personnel, security, procurement, contracting, and supply.

The new assistant also served in the American Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq where he was responsible for the purchasing of the Embassy.

As Purchasing Agent at the Embassy in Karachi, Pakistan, he supervised procurement for all United States Government agencies in West Pakistan.

Mr. Vallas and his wife Jeanne have a five year old daughter Catherine and reside at 1 Virgil Road in West Roxbury.

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For your convenience the hours of the Credit Union are as follows: Tuesday from 2:30 to 4:00, Thursday from 3:30 to 5:00, and Friday from 9:30 to 1:00.

CHEMISTRY LABORATORIES REMODELED — In the Autoanalysis Room are technologists Judy Murray (left) and Mara Zalkalns (right) processing blood sugar determinations. With a 15 per cent rate of work increase per year, the chemistry labs will now be able to meet the demands of the Hospital more adequately.

URINALYSIS LABORATORY — Mrs. Judy Kimber, Supervisor (left), aids Helen Sheeran, a student. Roberta Pennor, technologist (rear), and Cheryl Dolby, student (front), are conducting tests in the new area with more working space and a brighter atmosphere.

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT NEDH..

Because so many of the letters which come to the hospital in almost every mail ask us to convey their message to the concerned people, we are including excerpts of several in this issue of PULSE so that you may share in these words of thanks and appreciation.

For instance, from a recent surgical patient of Dr. Franseen's, "I would like you to know that I felt that the attention given me by the hospital staff was superb. The nurses and their aids and the others with whom I came in immediate contact, were so congenial and so attentive to any want I might have expressed. . . . I would appreciate it if you could pass my feelings on to those wonderful people, and the many other people behind the scenes who do not come in contact with patients but who obviously performed their work with such care."

Or this, from two visitors to one of our patients, "Your staff and personnel were so warm and considerate that we want to try and express the fine impressions we took away with us. . . . Your ladies at the reception desk are really blessed with the unusual gift of understanding the needs of the "guests" . . . kindness, interest and compassion. To your nurses, the complete trust and confidence we felt in them left no doubts that your motto must be "love thy neighbor."

And from a patient on Baker 3, "Never in all my years (and it has been my misfortune to have been ill many times) have I received such care. The nurses, the aids, the dieticians, the hostesses, and housekeepers were all so efficient, but above all — kind. . . . Your entire staff in that area are certainly worthy of being commended for their service — it certainly was of a very special quality."

This, from the widow of a recent terminal patient, "This letter is being written in hope that in some small way it will express my appreciation to your staff for the wonderful service and care rendered to my husband during his recent serious operation . . . they are to be highly commended for the wonderful work they are doing. Please convey my deep gratitude to all the doctors and nurses and others who helped make my husband's stay as pleasant as possible."

Also, from another former patient of Baker 3, "People are often so quick in writing letters of complaint that I think they should be equally quick in writing letters of praise when praise has been merited. Believe me, this is a case where praise is richly deserved for all on all three shifts . . ."

Systems Analyst To Be Mrs. Priscilla Tinkham

Mrs. Priscilla Tinkham, the former Assistant Purchasing Agent, has been recently appointed to the newly created position of System's Analyst.

"Instead of looking outside for specialists, it is the policy of the Hospital to promote from within for technical and supervisory jobs. After much reviewing of qualifications of the present Hospital personnel, it was decided that Mrs. Tinkham is well qualified to assume the duties of this newly created position of System's Analyst," announced Mr. R. E. Lee, Assistant Executive Director.

After graduating from Swampscott High School, Mrs. Tinkham attended Westbrook Junior College in Portland, Maine, where she studied liberal arts.

In January of 1954 she came to the Deaconess where she has been employed ever since except for a short time in 1957.

Mrs. Tinkham now resides with her husband and her eight year old daughter "Andy" at 50 Sargent Street in Needham.

DOHERTY APPOINTED AS ASSISTANT IN LAUNDRY

To assist Mr. Emery in the Laundry is Arthur Doherty, formerly assistant housekeeper at the Massachusetts Memorial Hospital.

After graduating from Rockland High School in Maine, where he participated in various sports, Mr. Doherty moved to Boston. He worked for a short time in a wholesome manufacturing company as a business assistant.

He joined the United States Coast Guard and traveled extensively throughout the Mediterranean and Caribbean.

Returning to Boston, he began working with emotionally disturbed children at the Center for Blind Children, where he became assistant child care supervisor. During this time he studied for a year at the Judge Baker Guidance Clinic in advance child care work and supervision.

Serving as assistant housekeeper at Massachusetts Memorial for two years, Mr. Doherty attended various seminars in procedures of housekeeping.

His hobbies include coin collecting and cooking. Further interests are in the fields of singing and art and exchanging ideas with people.